Para-military forces to Maharashtra

† *260. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Maharashtra Government had sought para-military forces from the Central Government in view of the arrest of persons found guilty on the basis of the report of Srikrishna Commission but the Central Government refused to provide security forces due to political pressure;

(b) if so, whether the Central Government are against taking any action against the guilty;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) if not, the reasons for refusal to provide adequate security forces?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) On the request of Government of Maharashtra, 4 coys of Rapid Action Force and 3 coys of CISF were made available to assist the State Government to deal with the likely law and order situation apprehended by Government of Maharashtra.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Coal production

1861. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the grade-wise production of Coal through both open-cast and under-ground mines;

(b) the percentage of grade-wise production of coal;

(c) the reasons for not producing high grade coal through

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

underground mines; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to increase production of high quality coal in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI NT.SHANMUGAM): (a) and (b) Details of grade-wise production of coal in the country through open-cast and underground mines, and their percentages, in 1999-2000 are as under:

Grade-wise Coal Production.

Grade	Production	%
Coking Non-Coking	32.983 267.110	11 89
Total	300.093	100

Open-Cast and Under-ground Coal Production (Data Provisional) (Figures in million tonnes)

	Production	%
Open-cast	233.377	77.7
Under-ground	66.716	22.3
Total	300.093	100

(Data Provisional)/(Figures in million tonnes)

(c) High grade coal is produced mainly by underground mining method adopted by coal companies because the reserve of such coal is found at greater depths.

(d) Steps taken by coal companies to increase production of coal include, *inter-alia*, starting of new projects and opening of new mines, modernisation of existing mines and upgradation of mining technology.